



2024 The American Express
(3rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

La Quinta, California	January 18-21, 2024	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,187	Purse: \$8,400,000/\$1,512,000
PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147	
LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 20, 2024

Weather: Overcast with light rain. High of 69. Wind SE 4-8 mph.

Cut: 66 professionals and one amateur at 13-under 203 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Nick Dunlap (a)	64 NT	65 SC	60 LQ	189 (-27)
2	Sam Burns	66 LQ	61 NT	65 SC	192 (-24)
3	Justin Thomas	65 LQ	67 NT	61 SC	193 (-23)
4	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	63 LQ	67 NT	65 SC	195 (-21)
T5	Five players	-	-		196 (-20)

Nick Dunlap (1st/-27)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption in his fourth PGA TOUR start, makes birdie on No. 9 at La Quinta Country Club for a career-low 12-under 60
- 60 ties lowest round by and amateur in PGA TOUR history (60/Patrick Cantlay/2011 Travelers Championship)
- Seeks to become first amateur to win on TOUR since Phil Mickelson at 1991 Northern Telecom Open
- Last player to win competing on a sponsor exemption was Martin Laird at 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- At 20 years, 29 days, would become the youngest amateur to win on the PGA TOUR since Chick Evans at the 1910 Western Open (20 years, 1 month, 15 days)
- Holds the lead for the first time after any round on the PGA TOUR
- First amateur to hold 54-hole lead/co-lead since Paul Dunne at the 2015 Open Championship
- Seven third-round leaders/co-leaders have won The American Express since 2012 (most recent: Jon Rahm/2023)
- Third-round leaders/co-leaders who have gone on to win on TOUR this season: Chris Kirk (The Sentry), Grayson Murray (Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Becomes first amateur to make the cut at The American Express; only two other amateurs have made starts at the event: Charlie Reiter (2018, 2019, 2020) and Caleb Surratt (2023)
- Making fourth career PGA TOUR start (MC: 2022 U.S. Open, 2023 U.S. Open, 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Has 11 points in PGA TOUR University Accelerated (sophomore at Alabama)
- Won the 2023 U.S. Amateur and competed for the United States at the 2023 Walker Cup

Sam Burns (2nd/-24)

- Follows career-low 18-hole score 61 with a 7-under 65 at PGA WEST (Pete Dye Stadium Course)
- 192 equals his low opening 54-hole score on TOUR (2021 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson/finished 2nd)
- Making his 138th TOUR start and second start this season (T33/The Sentry)
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner (most recent: 2023 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play)
- Owns three top-20 results in four prior appearances at The American Express (T18/2019, T6/2020, MC/2021, T11/2023)

Additional Notes

- 15-time PGA TOUR winner **Justin Thomas** (3rd/-23) posts 11-under 61 at PGA WEST (Pete Dye Stadium Course) for his lowest 18-hole score on TOUR since 2022 Sentry (61/R3/T5)
- The 54-hole cut of 13-under 203 is the lowest cut in tournament history since 2012, when the event became 72-holes (previous: 10-under/2013)

Aon Swing 5

- The American Express, the third event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event, marks the second opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5
- The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings
- The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during those three events and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational
- The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the FedExCup Fall standings
- Projected Aon Swing 5 thru 54-holes of The American Express: **Grayson Murray, Justin Thomas, Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Carl Yuan, Matthieu Pavon**
- **Nick Dunlap** (1st) is not eligible for the Aon Swing 5 as a non-member of the PGA TOUR; with a win, he would become eligible to earn PGA TOUR membership and qualify via tournament winner's category as a TOUR member for the remaining seven Signature Events this season